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1. The Alte Kaserne on Alsenstrasse, Prenzlau (N 54/Q 04), was heavily occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 police on 5 June 1950. Gate guards wore green collar patches and green shoulder straps. About half of the police had one or two stars on their shoulder straps. About 300 VP men assembled for clothing inspection in the barracks yard on the afternoon of 5 June 1950. VP units, each numbering about 100 men, marched to the airfield on the afternoon of 5 June 1950 and during the morning of 6 June 1950. Each unit consisted of three platoons of 30 men each. The men in the last three ranks of the third platoon carried a total of three heavy machine guns. *
2. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by at least 1,000 police. Intensive activity was observed. The VP unit quartered there also went to the airfield for training.
3. A higher VP headquarters is still believed to be located in the former commandant's house and the officers' mess on the western perimeter of the airfield. The buildings were heavily guarded by police sentries. **

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* Comment. The 3rd VP Bereitschaft previously identified in the Alte Kaserne on Alsenstrasse by several other sources is confirmed by this report.

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** Comment. A VP school of the Bereitschaftspolizei was repeatedly confirmed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

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